

An article titled as above and authored by S. Slavin and N. Fedorov appeared in Rovesnik (Moscow), No 4, April 1966. An accompanying photograph carried no caption but showed rifles, guns, razors, pipes, and other objects, presumably used in intelligence work.

A complete translation of the article follows.

A young man becomes acquainted with a foreign tourist and begins to beg small things from him: a fountain pen, a cigarette lighter, a record. As gratitude for the gifts he praises America, its films, automobiles and night clubs. At the same time he complains about the dullness of Soviet life. Upon parting, he leaves his address or telephone number with the foreign guest.

Several months pass, sometimes a year. The young man has almost forgotten about his passing acquaintance. Then the telephone in his apartment rings. A voice with a slight foreign accent says: "Hello, I heard from ... (the name of the foreign tourist is given). He told me much about you and asked me to pass on some gifts".

In expectation of a pleasant surprise the young man hurries to meet the new acquaintance. His expectations are not in vain -- the foreigner really gives him new records and pretty gew-gaws, just as the first Europeans brought the Papuans colored bits of glass and beads. The foreigner does not ask the young man much: just to tell him of the morale of his comrades, and to pass on various rumors and anecdotes.

After several other meetings, the foreigner becomes bolder. He gives to understand that political information alone is insufficient, that he needs information (even heard by chance in a conversation with talkative acquaintances) on the location of military objects.

At this stage the young man may rebel. Well, he had willingly told the foreign acquaintances spiteful anecdotes, but not the location of military objects. He is not a spy and doesn't plan to become one.

Then the foreigner lets the young man hear his own anti-Soviet statements recorded on tape. Try to refute them! The usual blackmail begins.

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